

August 15, 1952

Mr. Robert A. Maheu
Director, Office of Compliance and Security
Small Defense Plants Administration
1337 E Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Maheu:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated August 8, 1952, and thank you for the information you furnished.

An investigation will be initiated to identify the Russian clerk who conversed with [redacted] during the Summer of 1951.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover ON 11/21/78
Director

Note: Robert A. Maheu is former Bureau agent. He entered on duty as agent on 12-9-40. Ceased duty July 24, 1947. He entered on duty as Director of Compliance and Security, Small Defense Plants Administration on 1-7-52. He has expressed desire to cooperate fully with Bureau and was most appreciative for the Director's recommendation which led to his present position. (67-172006-138,143)

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

August 8, 1952

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have recently received information concerning [redacted] born [redacted] at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, that might be of interest to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Informant

Excerpts from our file on this subject which seem pertinent are as follows.

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[redacted] advised that some time during the summer of 1951, probably during the month of August, he was sitting in the park at 18th and Columbia Road, N. W., Washington, D. C., at approximately 8:00 PM, when another man sat beside him on the park bench. [redacted] noticed that he was carrying a foreign newspaper and [redacted] being an "inquisitive type", started talking to the man and asking him what kind of paper it was and what sort of work he was doing. It turned out that this was a Russian newspaper and the man stated he was employed as a clerk in the Russian Embassy in Washington. [redacted] and the man continued their conversation and discussed conditions in Russia as compared with those here in the States. [redacted] asked the Russian whether conditions in Russia were as bad as have been painted in the American press or whether they were as good as conditions in the States. The Russian replied that the conditions in Russia were excellent and he offered to show [redacted] a Russian movie depicting these conditions in Russia. [redacted] gave the Russian his name and address and promised to attend a showing of the film at the Russian Embassy that night.

[redacted] advised that the conversation took about twenty minutes and after the conversation he returned to his room at [redacted] N. W. As soon as he got to his room, he stated that he had realized what he had done in engaging this Russian in conversation. He further stated that, feeling very nervous and upset about the matter, he discussed the problem with his roommate, [redacted] who advised him to forget the incident and not go to the Russian Embassy. [redacted] advised that he did not go to the Embassy that night and since that time he has not seen or heard from the Russian Embassy employee.

[redacted] was asked if he knew the name of the Russian employee but he advised that the Russian did not give his name. [redacted] gave the following description of the man:

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Age - about 38
Hair - sandy, thinning
Build - medium to stocky
Speech - heavy foreign accent
Dress - no hat, business suit
Appearance - does not appear to be a foreigner

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[] was unable to supply any other descriptive details, although he was questioned at great length in this regard. [] stated that this individual said he lived on 18th Street near Columbia Road in an apartment building which he believed is called "The Netherlands." He also recalled that this individual told him that he had two girls and that he had been in this country only a short time.

An informant who is an expert on Soviet espionage was contacted for an evaluation of the story told by []. The informant stated that first of all it is very unusual for any Soviet employee to openly contact someone in this country unless under instructions. It was his opinion that the most plausible explanation of this incident, if it occurred as [] said it did, is that the Soviet employee had homosexual motives. This informant advised that the name of [] has never appeared in information available to our Government on Soviet espionage.

During the course of the interview, ^{Henry} [] was questioned closely about his background prior to this incident. He advised that his father, Henry, and his mother, now deceased, were both born in Russia and both came to this country when they were small children. He, [] is an American citizen. His father has since remarried and his present wife is also a Russian immigrant, coming to this country in 1918. [] advised however that he has no contacts in Russia and, as far as he knows, has no family over there. He further advised that as far as he knows his father and stepmother have no contacts in Russia. His father, Henry, is now running a store on Lancaster Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In answer to direct questioning, [] emphasized that he is not and never has been a member of the Communist Party and that none of his family are members of the Communist Party.

[] advised that he is now residing at [] N. W., Washington, D. C. He advised that on July 5, 1952 he resigned a job as [] because he was not making enough money. He came to Washington and before applying for a job at the Small Defense Plants Administration he applied for a job as a manual writer in the Armed Services Security Agency, 1436 U Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

The files of the following agencies were checked on [] father and [] roommate, [] with negative results: House Un-American Activities Committee; Federal Bureau of Investigation, criminal and subversive; Washington, D. C. Police Department, criminal and subversive; and the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Police Department, criminal and subversive.

The Philadelphia Police Department reported that in 1949 one [] known to be the father of subject, turned in [] to the Philadelphia Police Department as an incorrigible. No disposition was made in the case. [] reports that [] is a half-brother, is now in the Army, and has just returned from Korea. []

The Philadelphia Police Department also reported that one [] not identified as the father of subject, was arrested in Newark in 1932 for running a disorderly house. No disposition was made in this case.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities has a record on one [] of Newark, New Jersey, not known to be related to subject. [] is known to cooperate with the Communist Party in their civil rights campaign - "Daily Worker", November 9, 1947. He was [] "Daily Worker", March 21, 1950. He cooperated with the Communist Party and Civil Rights Congress in New Jersey - "Daily Worker", November 5, 1947.

[] reports that he knows of no relative of the name [] and that he does not know [] personally.

The above report is being submitted to you for your information and any action you might want to take. I would appreciate being informed if any investigation is conducted in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Robert A. Maheu
Robert A. Maheu, Director
Office of Compliance
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Director, Office of Compliance and Security
Small Defense Plants Administration
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Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Maheu:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 2, 1952, concerning [redacted] an employee of the Small Defense Plants Administration. My letter dated August 15, 1952, advised an investigation was being instituted in an effort to identify the Russian clerk who conversed with [redacted] during the Summer of 1951. For your information, investigation has failed to definitely establish the identity of the Russian involved in this matter. However, upon viewing photographs of individuals attached to official Soviet establishments in Washington, D. C., during 1951, [redacted] advised that a photograph of Grigori Ilyich Olifirenko, a Second Secretary in the Cultural Division of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C., bears a "fair" resemblance to the unidentified Russian with whom he conversed in the Summer of 1951.

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The above data are being furnished for your confidential information only in response to your original request to be advised as to the results of this investigation.

Sincerely yours, (C)w

J. Edgar Hoover

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

NOTE: Robert A. Maheu is a former Bureau agent. He entered on duty 12-9-40, ceased duty 7-24-47. Maheu has held his present position since 7-7-52. Maheu has expressed a desire to cooperate fully with the Bureau and was most appreciative for the Director's recommendation which led to his present position. (67-172006-138, 143)

Maheu's letter of 8-8-52 specifically requested to be informed of any investigation conducted.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 23, 1952

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-3610)

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Soviet Embassy Clerk, Washington, D.C.
Robert A. Maheu - Informant

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Reference is made to the letter to the Director from Mr. ROBERT A. MAHEU, Director, Office of Compliance and Security, Small Defense Plants Administration, Washington, D. C., wherein it was pointed out that an employee of the Small Defense Plants Administration; namely, [redacted] had, in August of 1951, while a student at George Washington University, Washington, D. C., met an unknown individual while sitting in a park in Washington, D. C. The individual, who later identified himself as a member of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D.C., requested [redacted] to attend the showing of a movie at the Soviet Embassy depicting conditions in Russia.

Reference is also made to the Washington Field Office report of SA WILLIAM O. CREGAR dated October 23, 1952, entitled as above, submitted herewith regarding the interview of [redacted]. It is to be noted that [redacted] viewed some 80 pictures of individuals attached to the official Soviet establishments in Washington, D. C. in August 1951. Of the pictures viewed by [redacted] he chose three as bearing a "fair" resemblance to the unknown individuals. Two photos were of GRIGORI ILYICH OLIFIRENKO and one photo of his wife [redacted]. It is also noted that [redacted] did not know of the relationship between the male appearing on the two photos and the female appearing on the third photo.

The following is a comparison of vital statistics on GRIGORI ILYICH OLIFIRENKO and the unknown individual which is set forth for the Bureau's information: (c) u

1. OLIFIRENKO was born in the region about Kiev, USSR. [redacted] advised that the unknown individual remarked he was born in Kiev or was very familiar with Kiev. (c) u
2. OLIFIRENKO arrived in this country on March 1, 1951. [redacted] stated the unknown individual admitted being in this country only a short time (two weeks or two months) at the time of their meeting in August 1951. (c) u

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3. Upon arrival in this country OLIFIRENKO resided at 2314 18th St., N. W., Washington, D. C. The unknown individual indicated he resided on Columbia Road and Kalorama Road, N. W., or in the area just east of Kalorama Road and Columbia Road, N. W. - 2314 18th St., N.W., located one block due west of the intersection of Columbia Road and Kalorama Road, N. W. (S)W
4. OLIFIRENKO has one daughter who recently returned to Russia and who while in this country spent her summers at the summer camp maintained by the Soviet Embassy. The unknown individual advised [] that he had two daughters, however, [] could not be sure due to language difficulties if both daughters were in this country and at summer camp or if only one daughter was in this country and attending summer camp. (S)W
5. OLIFIRENKO is a Second Secretary in the Cultural Division of the Soviet Embassy. The unknown individual gave [] a calling card which reflected his title as either First or Second Secretary, Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. (S)W
6. The description of OLIFIRENKO and his wife bear a mark resemblance to the description of the two unknown individuals who spoke with [] in August 1951. (S)W

Because of the above cited facts, the Washington Field Office believes the individuals who spoke with [] in the park located at Columbia Road and Kalorama Road, N. W., in August 1951 were GRIGORI ILYICH OLIFIRENKO and his wife, [] however, it is pointed out that no positive identification was made by [] from the pictures displayed to him. (S)W

The Bureau, if it feels that OLIFIRENKO is identical with the unknown subject, might consider, after additional investigation of [] the possible development of him as a potential double agent, if under suitable pretext a meeting of OLIFIRENKO and [] can be arranged. The Bureau is also reminded that [] father and step-mother were both born in Russia and in all probability have some relatives residing there. (S)W

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SAC, Washington Field

Director, FBI

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August 15, 1952

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(SOVIET EMBASSY CLERK,
WASHINGTON, D. C.)
ROBERT A. MAHEU - INFORMANT
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Two copies of a letter dated August 8, 1952, from Robert A. Maheu, Director, Office of Compliance and Security, Small Defense Plants Administration, are enclosed.

You are requested to conduct a prompt investigation to identify the unknown Soviet clerk who conversed with [redacted] during the Summer of 1951, probably during August, 1951.

The following information regarding [redacted] was found in the Bureau files. A loyalty form request dated October 23, 1947, prepared by the Personnel Division, Civil Aeronautics Administration, First Region, 385 Madison Avenue, New York City, states that [redacted] was born on [redacted] at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The title of his position was given as "Aircraft Communicator." His Army serial number appears as [redacted]. His Social Security number is [redacted]. The dates and places of his residence for the past ten years were listed as follows:

October 1945 to date [redacted] Washington, D. C.
June, 1945 - October, 1945, [redacted] Alexandria, Va.
January, 1945 - June, 1945, Y.M.C.A., New York, New York
June, 1944 - January, 1945, [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa.
December, 1941, - June, 1944, U.S. Army Air Corps
1937 - December, 1941, [redacted] Philadelphia, Pa.

The following employment of [redacted] was listed for the last ten years:

October, 1945 - Date Civil Aeronautics Administration,
Washington National Airport,
Washington, D. C.
June, 1945 - October, 1945 Civil Aeronautics Administration,
Washington National Airport,
Washington, D. C.

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January 1945 - June, 1945 Civil Aeronautics Administration
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(Veterans), Philadelphia, Pa.
December, 1941 - June, 1944 U. S. Army
1937 - December, 1941 High School and Sears Roebuck Co.,
Philadelphia, Pa. b6
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Your attention is directed to page 14 of the report of Special Agent Edward P. Brown dated June 7, 1950, at Washington, D. C. in the case entitled, "Government Employees' Exchange, Sidney Goldberg - Editor, Internal Security - C," (your file 100-22019). This reference shows that the "Government Employees' Exchange" wrote a check dated 5-3-50 to [redacted] for the amount of \$28.50. The significance of this transaction is not known; however, it is not believed of sufficient importance to prevent an interview with [redacted] during your investigation to identify the unknown subject. The report of Special Agent Brown reveals that the "Government Employees' Exchange" (a newspaper) was originated on August 30, 1947, by Sidney Goldberg. This newspaper contains information pertaining to available government positions. Special Agent Brown's report shows that the investigation conducted by WFO failed to establish that Sidney Goldberg was a Communist or pro-Communist. It also failed to indicate that the "Government Employees' Exchange" newspaper advocated any pro-Communist matters.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT WASHINGTON FIELD

REPORT MADE AT WASHINGTON, D. C.	DATE WHEN MADE OCT 23 1952	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10/13, 14, 15, 16/52	REPORT MADE BY WILLIAM O. GREGAR adg
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT Soviet Embassy Clerk, Washington, D. C. Robert A. Maheu - Informant			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Background information on [redacted] set out. Interview with [redacted] regarding the meeting he had with unknown Soviet Embassy employee in August 1951 reflected that [redacted] the unknown individual and woman, believed to be his wife, spoke for 1 1/2 hours re comparative conditions in Russia and America. [redacted] selected pictures of GRIGORI TIKICH OLETRENGO and his wife, [redacted] as the two people who most resembled unidentified individuals. Descriptions set forth.</p> <p>DECLASSIFIED BY 60267 NLS EP/inf 12-8-98</p> <p>ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE</p> <p>DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.</p> <p>Investigation in this case is predicated upon information contained in a letter to the Director from Mr. ROBERT A. MAHEU, Director, Office of Compliance and Security, Small Defense Plants Administration, Washington, D. C., wherein it was pointed out that an employee of the Small Defense Plants Administration, namely [redacted] had in August of 1951 met an unknown individual who later claimed to be an employee of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C. Mr. MAHEU further pointed out that [redacted] had engaged this unknown Soviet National in general conversation. As a result of this meeting, the unknown individual asked [redacted] to attend a picture at the Soviet Embassy depicting conditions in Russia.</p> <p>Classified by 4913 11/21/78 Exempt from GDS, Category 2, 3 Date of Declassification indefinite</p>			
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[redacted]

On October 14, 1952, [redacted] was interviewed by the writer in his room located at [redacted] N. W., Washington, D. C. [redacted] advised he was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on [redacted] the son of [redacted] born in Russia, and presently residing at [redacted] Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and [redacted] nee [redacted] born in New York State now deceased. While still a young boy, [redacted] father married [redacted] nee [redacted] who has since died. At present [redacted] is married to [redacted] nee [redacted] a Russian by birth, and who is presently residing with her husband at the Philadelphia address. [redacted] has two brothers, [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Wilmington, Delaware, and [redacted] who resides somewhere in Philadelphia. [redacted] also has a half brother, [redacted] who resides with his wife [redacted] N. W., Washington, D. C., and two half sisters who [redacted] believes reside with his father and mother. [redacted] (u)

In reviewing his background, [redacted] stated he attended grammar school and high school in the Philadelphia area. However, before obtaining his high school degree, he joined the United States Army Air Force on December 17, 1941. On June 6, 1944, [redacted] related he was medically discharged at Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, with the rank of Sergeant. His Army serial number is [redacted] (u)

Upon his discharge from the United States Army Air Force, [redacted] remained in Philadelphia for about six months, then came to Washington, D. C. where he was employed by the Civil Aeronautics Administration. In 1947, [redacted] took a leave of absence from the Civil Aeronautics Administration and attended Veterans High School, Washington, D. C., where he obtained his high school diploma. Shortly thereafter, [redacted] enrolled at George Washington University, Washington, D. C., to pursue a college education. In November 1951, [redacted] graduated from George Washington University with a BA Degree in journalism. From November 1951 until July 1952, [redacted] was employed by a [redacted] in Wilmington, Delaware, as a [redacted] and in August 1952 he returned to Washington to obtain employment with the Small Defense Plants Administration as an Administrative Assistant. (u)

The following is a description of [redacted] as obtained from personal observation and interrogation:

Name: DRS. [redacted]
 Address: [redacted] N. W., Washington, D.C.
 Born: [redacted] Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 Height: 5'10¹/₂"
 Weight: 178 lbs.
 Hair: Brown, thinning
 Eyes: Gray
 Complexion: Medium
 Build: Medium
 Posture: Good
 Marital Status: Married to [redacted] nee [redacted]
 employed at Mount Alto Hospital,
 Washington, D. C. [redacted]
 Army serial No.: [redacted]
 Occupation: Administrative Assistant, Small Defense
 Plants Administration
 Relatives: Father, [redacted]
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
 Stepmother [redacted] nee [redacted]
 [redacted] Philadelphia,
 Pennsylvania.
 Brothers, [redacted]
 Wilmington, Delaware; [redacted]
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; [redacted]
 [redacted] Washington, D. C.
 Sisters, two halfsisters residing with
 parents, Philadelphia. (u)

CONTACT WITH UNKNOWN SOVIET NATIONALS

While attending George Washington University in August of 1951
 [redacted] advised that he roomed at [redacted] N. W., Washington,
 D. C. During the summer of 1951 [redacted] due to the excessive heat, spent
 his evening hours sitting in a park located at the corner of Columbia
 Road and Kalorama Road, N. W., Washington, D. C. (u)

One evening in August 1951, as [redacted] recalls it, while sitting
 on a bench in the above described park, an unknown individual, accompanied
 by a woman, sat down beside him. The unknown individual, who later
 identified himself as a member of the Soviet Embassy, asked [redacted] the
 time. Because of the Soviet's inability to speak English very well,

[] found it difficult to comprehend. Upon finally answering this unknown individual's initial inquiry, further questions were directed at [] regarding the individual's ability to use common English expressions, such as "good morning, how are you, etc."

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After discussing various English expressions, the Soviet talked about Russia and his two daughters, who he stated were at a summer camp. Due to the language difficulty, [] could not be sure if the unknown individual said both daughters were at summer camp or only one. However, the individual appeared to be keenly interested in the children playing nearby and appeared to enjoy talking about children.

Upon noticing a Russian newspaper in the pocket of the unknown Soviet [] asked about the comparative conditions in Russia and the United States. The Embassy employee advised [] that conditions were excellent in Russia and cited the lynchings in the South as a typical example of the conditions in America. Further discussion brought out that the Soviet individual was either born in Kiev, USSR, or was very familiar with that part of the Soviet Union. After explaining that he, [] was a student at a local university and at the time studying various foreign countries, the Soviet National asked [] to come to the Soviet Embassy that Thursday night to see a picture about Russia. The employee of the Soviet Embassy also asked [] if he would like to have some literature about Russia sent to him.

At this point [] asked the Soviet individual for his explanation as to why the Russian school teacher KASENKINA tried to commit suicide in order to escape from the Russian Consulate in New York City. The reply by the Soviet was, in effect, there are black sheep in every family; however, the woman companion, who [] believes was the Soviet National's wife and who heretofore had not uttered a sound, suddenly began to talk very rapidly in a foreign tongue to her husband.

Shortly after that [] decided to leave, but before doing so was again asked by the Soviet if he would like to attend the movies at the Soviet Embassy. Upon answering that he probably would, the Soviet gave [] a personal calling card reflecting his name and title; however, [] destroyed this card and cannot recall anything about its contents other than that he believed the

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individual was either a First or Second Secretary at the Soviet Embassy. [] in turn gave the Soviet National his name. It is noted here that [] did not attend the movies and has not seen or been in contact with any Russians since. (u)

In reconstructing in his mind his meeting with the Soviet National, [] recalled that they talked about 1½ hours, however, a good portion of this time was spent in trying to overcome the language difficulties. [] also revealed that the unknown individual mentioned he had arrived in this country about two weeks or two months ago [] was not sure whether the Russian citizen had said weeks or months) and that he was living over there, pointing in a northeasterly direction across Columbia Road. As a result [] was not sure if the Soviet employee meant he lived on the east side of Columbia Road or in the neighborhood just east of Columbia Road and Kalorama Road. (u)

During the course of the interview with [] pictures of the Soviet Nationals attached to the official Soviet establishments in Washington, D. C. during August 1951 were displayed to him. Of the pictures displayed to [] three pictures were chosen as bearing a "fair" resemblance to the unknown individual and his wife. The pictures selected by [] were two photos of GRIGORI ILYICH OLIFIRENKO and one photo of [] wife of GRIGORI I. OLIFIRENKO. It is noted that [] did not know of the relationship between the woman on the one photograph and the male on the other two photos. (S) u

GRIGORI ILYICH OLIFIRENKO

T-1, of known reliability, advised that GRIGORI ILYICH OLIFIRENKO is a Second Secretary in the Cultural Division of the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C., having arrived in this country on March 1, 1951. T-1 further stated that upon his arrival here, OLIFIRENKO resided at 2314 18th St., N. W., Washington, D. C., with his wife, [] and daughter, [] (S) u

The following is a description of GRIGORI ILYICH OLIFIRENKO and his wife as obtained from the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the personal observations of T-2: (S) u

~~GRIGORI ILYICH MOLIFIRENKO~~

Name: GRIGORI ILYICH ~~MOLIFIRENKO~~
 Age: 38 years ~~PHOTOGRAPH~~
 Born: November 24, 1913, at Kievskaya, Oblast, USSR
 Sex: Male
 Height: 5'9"
 Weight: 160 lbs.
 Hair: Light brown, receding
 Eyes: Gray
 Build: Medium
 Race: White
 Complexion: Fair
 Residence: 1418 Newton St., Washington, D. C.
 (formerly resided at 2314 18th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.)
 Occupation: Second Secretary, Cultural Division, Soviet Embassy

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Name: [REDACTED]
 Birth: [REDACTED] ~~PHOTOGRAPH~~
 Sex: Female
 Height: 5'6"
 Weight: 130 lbs.
 Build: Medium
 Hair: Blonde
 Eyes: Gray
 Complexion: Fair
 Posture: Fair
 Children: One known daughter
 Residence: 1418 Newton St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
 (formerly resided at 2314 18th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.)
 Occupation: Housewife

The following is a description of the two unknown Soviet Nationals as described by [REDACTED] (S)u

Male

Name: Unknown
 Age: 42 or 43
 Height: 5'10"
 Weight: 170 lbs.
 Hair: Light brown, receding in front
 Eyes: Blue
 Build: Medium
 Race: White
 Complexion: Fair
 Outstanding characteristics: Crow's-feet at corner of eyes
 Speech: Heavy foreign accent
 Occupation: First or Second Secretary at the Soviet Embassy

Female

Age: 35
 Height: 5'4"
 Weight: 135 lbs.
 Hair: Blonde
 Eyes: Unknown
 Build: Medium
 Complexion: Fair
 Posture: Fair
 Outstanding features: Very coarse looking

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It is noted that 2314 18th St., N. W., is located between Kalorama and Belmont Roads, N. W., in the direction indicated by [redacted] contact, i.e., east or northeast of Columbia Road and Kalorama Road.

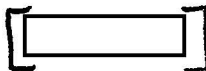
ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU: Two photos of GRIGORI ILYICH OLIFIRENKO which OXFELD chose as resembling the unknown Soviet employee who met him in the park in August 1951. One photo of OLIFIRENKO's wife which [redacted] chose as resembling the unknown female Soviet National whom he met in the park in August 1951.

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Stationary surveillance maintained in the vicinity
of the Soviet Embassy, 1125 16th St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to Washington Field dated August 15, 1952.

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ENCLOSURES TO BUREAU: [Two photos of GRIGORI ILYICH OLIFIRENKO,
and one photo of [REDACTED]]

[(UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Soviet
Embassy Clerk, D.C., Robert
A. Maheu - Informant; IS-R)]

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Reference 105-7903-3



Grigori I. Olifirenko
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-19503)

DATE: December 3, 1952

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-3610)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U)SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT,
Soviet Embassy Clerk, Washington, D. C.
Robert A. Mahen, InformantCLASSIFIED DECISIONS FINALIZED
BY DEPARTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC)
DATE: 10-22-78 DRG/Hb6
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Rebulet dated November 24, 1952, instructing that this investigation be reopened and that a recommendation be submitted as to whether [] an employee of the Small Defense Plants Administration, Washington, D. C., could be considered for possible double agent development and as to a logical approach which could be used by him in initiating further contact with the Soviets.

It is noted that the only contact [] has had with Soviet officials in Washington, D. C., occurred during August, 1951. This meeting occurred in a park in Northwest Washington, D. C., and it is obvious that the meeting was entirely casual. It is noted further that the Soviet involved in this meeting was not aware of the fact that [] had a Russian background.

The mere fact that [] did not notify any agency of the U. S. Government of this occurrence prior to his employment by SDPA would indicate to WFO that his value as a possible double agent is questionable. It is noted further that there has been no contact since August of 1951. There appears to be no logical or reasonable approach which [] could use in initiating further contact with the Soviets. It is felt further that a recontact at this time after his employment by the Government of the United States would immediately arouse the suspicions of the Soviets that [] had attempted a recontact under the direction of an American intelligence agency. For these reasons, this office does not consider that this case has double agent potentialities and no further investigation is contemplated.

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November 24, 1952

Director, FBI (105-19503)

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, Soviet Embassy
Clerk, Washington, D. C.
Robert A. Maheu, Informant (S)w

Rerep SA William O. Gregar, 10-23-52, Washington, D. C., which places instant investigation in a closed status. Prior to closing instant investigation, No Number SAC Letter AF, Series 1952, dated 10-22-52, captioned "Espionage and Foreign Intelligence Investigations - Double Agent Program," should be examined. It has been noted that [redacted] is the son of Russian parents and that [redacted] is currently employed by the Small Defense Plants Administration, Washington, D. C., which employment might attract some Soviet interest. It is possible that [redacted] may be an individual stationed in a logical position to initiate further contacts with the Soviets, particularly in view of his Russian background. (S)w

After reviewing the above-mentioned SAC Letter, you should submit a recommendation to the Bureau as to whether you believe Oxfeld is a person of sufficient tact and discretion to warrant consideration for possible double agent development. If you believe [redacted] is a suitable individual, you should also make suggestions and recommendations relative to any logical approach which could be used by [redacted] in initiating further contact with the Soviets. No discussion should be had with [redacted] relative to initiating further contact with the Soviets unless prior Bureau approval is obtained. (S)w

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DATE: 10-22-79 BY: [redacted]

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December 29, 1952

Director, FBI (150-19503)

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ReBulet 11-24-52; WFOlet 12-3-52

Both referenced communications were captioned
"Unknown Subject, Soviet Embassy Clerk, Washington, D. C.,
Robert A. Mahen, Informant."

Bulet 11-24-52 requested WFO observations on the
possibility that who is an employee of the
Small Plants Administration, and an individual of Russian
descent, might be in a position to logically initiate
further contact with Soviet personnel. The Bureau appreciates
that only known contact with any Soviet personnel
occurred in August, 1951, when he conversed with an unknown
Russian who might be identical with Grigori Ilyich
Olifirenko, Second Secretary, Cultural Division, Soviet
Embassy, Washington, D. C.

The Bureau did not contemplate that would
be in a position to renew an acquaintance with Olifirenko
but rather that might, because of his Russian descent,
be in a position to initiate an entirely new contact with the
Soviet Embassy, possibly to inquire concerning the where-
abouts of real or fictitious relatives in the Soviet Union.

You should submit to the Bureau your observations
and recommendations concerning the desirability of attempting
to utilize in some type of informant capacity. The
Bureau does not desire that you interview concerning
this matter prior to submitting your observations and
recommendations.

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DATE 12-8-98

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-19503)

DATE: January 7, 1953

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-3610)

SUBJECT:
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Rebulet dated December 29, 1952, requesting this office to submit its observations and recommendations concerning the desirability of attempting to utilize in some type of informant capacity. (C) w

This matter has been given careful consideration. It is the opinion of this office that is not suitable for use as an informant in a matter of this nature. Consequently, it is the recommendation of this office that no further consideration be given to him in this regard. (C) w

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November 9, 1967

BY LIAISON

Robert A. Mahoney
Robert Aime Mahoney

Mrs. Mildred Stegall
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

Reference is made to your name check request concerning [redacted] and 54 other individuals. u

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The central files of the FBI contain no pertinent derogatory information identifiable with the following individuals: u

[redacted]

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted]
Honorable [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted]

Honorable [redacted]

- Enclosures (4)
1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct) - Enclosures
1 - Mr. Gale (sent direct) - Enclosures
1 - Mr. Rosen (sent direct) - Enclosures

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Mrs. Mildred Stegall

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Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]
Admiral H. R. Nieman
[REDACTED]

The fingerprint files of the Identification Division of the FBI contain no arrest data identifiable with the above individuals based upon background information submitted in connection with this name check request, with the possible exception of [REDACTED]. Attached is a copy of FBI Identification Record Number [REDACTED] which may pertain to him. u

Attached are separate memoranda concerning each of the following individuals: u

[REDACTED]
Robert A. Maheu

This letter of transmittal may be declassified when the enclosure bearing a classification is removed. u

A copy of this communication has not been sent to the Attorney General. u

Sincerely yours,

Enclosures (6)

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November 9, 1967

ROBERT A. MAHEU

Summary

Robert Aime Maheu was born on October 30, 1917, at Waterville, Maine. Mr. Maheu is a former Special Agent of the FBI who entered on duty on December 9, 1940, and voluntarily resigned on July 24, 1947. While employed by this Bureau, Mr. Maheu's services were satisfactory. *u*

In 1952, and for a brief period thereafter, Mr. Maheu was Director of Security and Compliance of the Small Defense Plants Administration. Since the mid 1950's, he has operated the Robert A. Maheu Associates, a private investigative and public relations firm, Washington, D. C. Allegedly, this firm has business dealings with a number of foreign officials and governments and has frequently been reported as having engaged in wiretapping activities in behalf of its clients. *u*

In 1953 it was reported that it was necessary to sue Maheu for the payment of legal services rendered to him. It was also alleged that his ethics and trustworthiness have been "questionable." *u*

In 1961 we conducted an investigation concerning a possible violation of the Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications Statute on the part of [redacted] who had been arrested by local authorities in Las Vegas, Nevada, on a wiretapping charge. Information was developed during the course of that investigation that Robert A. Maheu, a private detective, was involved. This information was previously furnished the White House by communication dated March 21, 1967, captioned "Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas," a copy of which is attached. *u*

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NOTE: Per request of Mrs. Mildred Stegall, White House Staff.

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ROBERT A. MAHEU

Our files further reveal that Mr. Maheu has an extensive record of serving the interests of millionaire-industrialist Howard Hughes, who has been described as one of Mr. Maheu's "angels." Allegedly, Maheu and other private investigators were retained by Hughes in 1947 to investigate former U.S. Senator Owen Brewster. u

In 1960 a New York City newspaper reported that Maheu was representing the Hughes' interests in Washington, D. C. Recent information coming to our attention indicated that Maheu has been representing Hughes in the purchase of various properties in Las Vegas, Nevada. (62-101375-57) (62-109060-4984) (67-172006) u

Civil fingerprints were located in the files of the FBI Identification Division which are identical with those of Mr. Robert A. Maheu. These fingerprints were searched through the criminal files of the Identification Division and no arrest record was located. u

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